

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of against the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will reduce competition for consumers like me, meaning the satellite company will have less incentive to provide quality customer service. The existing companies have, in my opinion, a very poor rating here, and merging will not improve the situation.

Satellite and Cable companies have already started trying to dictate what service they will provide without respect to the customers. (Examples include the stopage of ABC, the attempts by Satellite to discontinue rebroadcasting of local stations, the conflicts between Dish Network and FOX Sports over Major League Baseball, etc. etc.) By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger dictator in choosing what programming choices, with no guarantee of any local TV channels in any market.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to vote against this merger.

Sincerely,

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